

J. K. M'GUIRE INDICTED AS A BAGMAN

Phone Trust Must Figure Profits on a Five-Cent Rate

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ORDERS TELEPHONE TRUST TO FIGURE OUT ITS PROFITS ON A FLAT FIVE-CENT RATE

Scores of Organizations Represented at Hearing Before Up-State Commission. COMPANY SEEKS DELAY. Outlying Portions of Queens Only Ones Excepted From One Rate Area Asked.

The Evening World's fight for a five-cent telephone toll rate in the Greater City was advanced wonderfully this afternoon by the Second District Public Service Commissioner. After listening to arguments and figures all day, Chairman Decker announced that he would give the New York Telephone Company one month to prepare figures to substantiate its claims that it cannot afford to give the demanded universal rate of five cents for a five-minute call.

Seventy-eight men and two women appeared before Chairman Decker and announced that they represented associations of taxpayers, local boards of trade, property owners, associations and chambers of commerce in the various boroughs. There were representatives from Staten Island, farthest Bronx and western parts of Queens, Manhattan and Brooklyn had delegations of numerous bodies. Though they differed in details of how to obtain relief from the extortions of the New York Telephone Company, each and every one vigorously voiced two specific demands.

Reduce the rates to a five-cent basis. Wipe out the toll charges between boroughs. It was a confusing and irregular session during the morning hours, made so by the intense earnestness of the complaints attending the hearing. An attempt was made to start along lines of legal procedure, but interruptions came every few minutes from the delegates demanding to be heard and to express their protest against telephone rates.

ENTIRE CITY DEMANDS ABOLITION OF EXTORTIONATE RATES. Chairman Decker allowed considerable latitude so that many out of them obtained the floor to contribute their views. While some of the speakers wandered from the direct issue, it was plain that all sections of the city have become thoroughly aroused on the subject of telephone rate extortions and a general revision must be had at once.

Chairman Decker would take up the petition of Mr. H. Winkler, a lawyer, of No. 30 Wall street, as the basis of the hearing. Mr. Winkler took position at the counsel table to conduct the case and called State Senator James F. Duane to the stand to assist him in leading the fight. Vice-President F. H. Betts and General Counsel J. L. Swayze appeared for the telephone company. Mr. Winkler presented his petition in which the most important demands were as follows:

Fix an order fixing the rate for all long distance messages of five minutes duration or less, between any points in the City of New York within a limit not to exceed five cents for each message under the measured rate contract, wherever measured rates are required.

For an order eliminating all toll rates on subscribers in the outlying portions of Queens out of the one rate area because of the relatively great distance of those sections from the center of the city and the small telephone de-

E. M. HOLLAND DIES, AFTER TELEPHONING FOR HELP IN HOTEL

Noted Actor, Playing in Cleveland, Calls for Aid and Falls Unconscious Under 'Phone. FAMILY WAS FAMOUS. Father and Brother Were Both Stage Stars of the First Magnitude.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 24.—E. M. Holland, one of America's foremost actors, died here to-day from heart disease. Mr. Holland had a part in "Years of Discretion" which was to be produced here this week. He suffered a similar attack after the last performance of the "Blue Bird," at the New Theatre, in New York, two years ago, but it had been believed by his friends that he had completely recovered.

The clerk of the hotel where Mr. Holland was staying was called to the telephone at 3 o'clock this morning and heard Mr. Holland gasping a request that some one be sent to his room as quickly as possible. The bellboy who was sent found the actor, who was sixty-five years old, lying under the telephone, unconscious. It was apparent that he had crawled from his bed to the telephone with the last strength left him. Mr. Holland was at once removed to a hospital, where he died two hours later, without having recovered his senses.

Mr. Holland and his brother, Joseph, were for a generation among the leaders in the presentation of the most finished dramatic art of this country. They were born in New York, the sons of George Holland, who had a high reputation in his own day as his sons earned in their. Their mother was a choir singer famous in New York seventy years ago. Joseph Holland became deaf a number of years ago and later was afflicted with paralysis, which forced his retirement from the stage.

His theatrical career as a call boy. E. M. Holland began his stage career as call boy for Mrs. Joan Wood at the Olympic Theatre, in New York, when he was fifteen years old. Lester Wallace gave him a part in his stock company in 1867, but it was not until 1886 that critics and the public gave open tribute to his ability, as it was shown in "Jim the Penman" at the Madison Square Theatre.

For many years E. M. and Joseph Holland appeared as joint stars and among other plays were seen in "The Social Highwayman," "The Man With a Past," "Col. Carter of Cartersville," "Two Men of Business" and "A Super-natural Husband." They had parts in the all-star cast of "The Rivals" given in 1905. E. M. Holland appeared apart from his brother in many plays, among them the dramatization of Hall Caine's "Rethel City," in which he took the part of the head of the church, and in "The Husbands of Leontine." He had exceptional facility in keeping up the gaiety of light farce.

The funeral of Mr. Holland's father in 1870 gave the Church of the Transfiguration in New York its name of "The Little Church Around the Corner." The pastor of the church where the Hollands had attended services refused to read the funeral service when he learned that the dead man was an actor, and said: "There is a little church around the corner where they bury actors." The Rev. Dr. Houghton gladly accepted the distinction.

LAST RITES GIVEN TO DYING FIREMEN IN BURNING RUINS

Chaplain Braves Death to Minister to Men Trapped Under Walls in Williamsburg. FIRE DOG IS KILLED. ROOMFUL OF GIFTS. Men Who Loved Him See Him Die, but Duty Calls Them Away From Him.

In the debris of a broken wall which a few moments before had been part of the three-story frame plant of the Lignum Chemical Company, occupying the whole block in Meeker avenue, Williamsburg, between Varick and Van Dam streets, Fire Chaplain McGroven knelt this afternoon on boards which still smoldered while he administered the last rites of the church to Firemen Jeremiah Lowney and Walter Wathen, both of Truck Company No. 106. A series of explosions had blown out a section of the wall and Lowney and Wathen, sticking to their posts, had been trapped.

There was a rush of their comrades to dig them out of the smoking embers, but both men, though conscious, were desperately hurt when they were hauled from beneath the pile. Lowney's scalp bore a deep gash, beneath which Dr. Heath and Dr. Watts of St. Catherine's Hospital agreed, there probably lay a fracture. He was badly burned too, as was Wathen. They were hurried to the hospital, but the doctors said there was little chance of their recovery.

Spontaneous combustion is supposed to have caused the blaze, which burst out at the noon hour, when all of the fifty employees of the plant were away at lunch. Smoke and flame were pouring from the structure when Eustis No. 11 came tearing down Meserole street, making all the speed the three racing horses could command. Ahead of it sped Driver Dan Gallagher's coach dog, Dan, named after its master.

As well as the driver, the dog knew that the engine must turn into Manhattan street, round the corner he tore, hesitating just the fraction of an instant to make sure that the engine was following him. One of the hoofs of a horse struck him. There was a yelp, and then the wheels of the engine crushed the dog's body. From his place on the tender Dan Gallagher saw the accident. He would have jumped off, but ahead rose the smoke and flame and Dan ran on.

But there were no frightened tenants of the burning building to be saved. Occupants of the tenements in Van Dam and Varick streets and a few in Nassau avenue, onto which the chemical plant backed, had been driven out by the police.

The firemen saved the tenements, but the plant was destroyed. The damage was about \$25,000. As soon as they could leave, the crew of No. 115 went back to where Dan's body lay. They put it in the tender and carried it back to the fire house. Dan will get a fireman's burial.

CONGRESS HALTS FOR THE WEDDING AT WHITE HOUSE

Senate Will Be Still for Festivities and House Has Adjourned. BRIDE-ELECT UNCOVERS DISPLAY FOR HER GIRL FRIENDS—BEST MAN ARRIVES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Affairs of state are slackening to-day and will come to a dead stop to-morrow when, in the East Room of the White House, the marriage of Jessie Wilson, the President's youngest daughter, and Francis Bowes Sayre will be celebrated. The House of Representatives has adjourned until Wednesday, and while there will be a session of the Senate to-morrow an adjournment will probably be taken to allow the members who have been invited to the wedding to attend.

The arrival of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the best man; Dr. Sylvester Beach, the Princeton Presbyterian minister who will "tie the knot," and the wedding ushers, with other guests, kept a stream of automobiles and carriages constantly before the White House portals to-day.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the wedding was solemnized. Afterward the first display of the wedding gifts was to be given members of the bridal party and a few intimate friends of the President's family. In fact, all day to-day Miss Wilson held "open house" for her girl friends here, society buds and old acquaintances, giving them a glimpse of the two rooms which are required for the display of the presents.

A dinner and dance for the entire bridal party tonight aboard the President's yacht Mayflower will round out the ante-nuptial festivities. A small army of workmen invaded the East Room to-day, putting on the final finishing touches. Flowers and other perishable decorations will not be installed until just a few hours before the ceremony to-morrow afternoon.

So far the young couple have managed to keep the itinerary of their honeymoon trip a secret. Not one of Miss Wilson's intimate friends has a glimpse of where Mr. and Mrs. Sayre will go or when they will leave.

It will be a "plain clothes" wedding. The members of the diplomatic corps will leave their gorgeous buttons and brass buttons at home and appear in the morning clothes of plain citizens. This is by request of the President, who is strong for the Jeffersonian idea and would listen to no uniforms except for the officers of the Army and Navy.

SOCIETY WOMEN WHO ESCAPED INJURY IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH.



VANDERBILTS IN AUTO CRASH AT NEWPORT

Alfred G., His Wife and Mrs. Reginald G. Escape Injury in Collision With Sherman Car. NEWPORT, R. I., Nov. 24.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt figured, but without serious consequences, in an automobile collision here to-day. Mr. Vanderbilt, accompanied by his wife and sister-in-law, Mrs. Reginald G. Vanderbilt, was driving his car on Bellevue avenue, when the automobile of Dr. William A. Sherman emerged from a side street and collision followed. No one was hurt.

MORGAN PERSONAL TAX ASSESSMENT REDUCED

Commissioners Cut Assessable Value of Bank Stock From \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The tax assessment on the personal property of the late J. Pierpont Morgan was reduced this afternoon by the Board of Tax Commissioners from \$5,000,000, at which figure it was fixed by the assessors, to \$3,000,000.

The valuation for taxation purposes was placed largely upon the interest of Mr. Morgan's estate in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. Mr. J. P. Morgan set forth that this interest consisted of stock and bonds of the company, which were valued at \$5,000,000, and therefore the tax was based on that property. After listening to Mr. J. P. Morgan's representations, the Board fixed the assessable value of the interest of Mr. Morgan's estate in his banking house at \$3,000,000. This was the figure named by Mr. J. P. Morgan.

CONTRACTOR ADMITS TWO \$500 PAYMENTS TO BAGMAN FOWLER

District-Attorney Puts Arthur B. Chamberlain, Agent of Asphalt Interests, on Stand and Asks About Attempt to Influence Witness.

FORMER MAYOR M'GUIRE OF SYRACUSE INDICTED

Fillmore Condit Tells Grand Jury Politician Attempted to Coerce Him Into Making \$5,000 Contribution.

An indictment charging James K. McGuire, former Mayor of Syracuse, former member of the Democratic State Committee, reputed millionaire, widely connected financier, with soliciting campaign funds from a corporation, was found by the Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions to-day. The offense is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year in the penitentiary or both.

Judge Crain issued a bench warrant for the arrest of McGuire, who is outside the jurisdiction of the court. The offense alleged against him was committed on Aug. 15, 1912, when, the Grand Jury was informed, Mr. McGuire, who was very active in the campaign in behalf of Woodrow Wilson, tried to force a contribution of \$5,000 from the Union Oil Company, a California corporation trying to do business with contractors on the State highway improvements.

WOMAN IS SHOT IN PISTOL BATTLE ON FIFTH AVENUE

Passerby Wounded When Jealous Man Opens Fire on Wife's Friend.

Frank Magga, a grocer of No. 129 Beach street, Red Bank, N. J., followed his wife, with whom he had quarreled, to New York to-day. He saw her meet Joseph Romo of Philadelphia at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fourteenth street. As the pair stood talking on the corner in a crowd of shoppers Magga, wild with jealousy, fired two shots at them. Both shots missed the target, but one of the bullets struck Mrs. Agnes Woodburn of No. 34 West Fifteenth street in the right leg.

Policeman Delahanty grabbed Magga as he was getting ready to fire again. Romo, who tried to run away, was caught and a loaded revolver was found in his pocket.

George H. McGuire, testifying before the Grand Jury last week, gave Mr. Whitman the lead when brought about to-day's proceedings aimed at James K. McGuire. By testifying against his own brother, George H. McGuire gained immunity for any part he may have taken in the transaction under investigation.

Ten contractors with jobs on the State highways who are said to have given up contributions to the Democratic State Committee in 1911 and 1912 under force of coercion exercised by Everett P. Fowler appeared at the District Attorney's office to-day in response to subpoenas served last week. They are Charles Mosier and Frank L. Conen of Buffalo, Thomas Grady, R. P. Murphy, H. C. Schroeder, Patrick H. Murray and P. A. Broder of Rochester, J. H. Calkin and John Hendrick of Oswego and H. Powers of Ulster. These men were questioned by Assistant District-Attorney Clark.

SWEAR FOWLER KICKED AT HIS SMALL CONTRIBUTION. District-Attorney Whitman this afternoon resumed the John Doe proceedings before Chief Magistrate McAdams. The first witness was Patrick H. Murray of Rochester. Mr. Whitman has Murray on his list as the donor of \$1,000 to a campaign fund.